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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/019,195 of HANNIG, Hans-Jürgen and EISERMANN, Ralf for their "Panel and Panel Fastening System" (National Examination Phase of PCT/DE99/03259); I.A. Filing Date: October 9, 1999; Our Docket No.: 09646/00004.

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371, enclosed please find the following:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 issued 7 September 2001 (1 page total).
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (1 page total).
3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages total).
4. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.
5. Our check in the amount of \$120.00 (small entity) to cover the extension fee and the surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to small entity status.

In the event that Applicant has overlooked the need for any petition for an additional extension of time to file the enclosed papers, petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s).

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To The Honorable Commissioner
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Please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

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Respectfully submitted,

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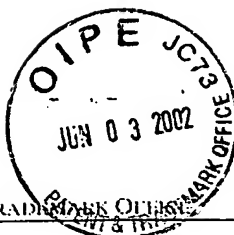
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Small Entity Statement

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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